THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Indian Airlines Boeing-737 aircraft, which crashed on 26.4.1993, is to be declared a total loss The aircraft's book value was Rs. 6.45 Crores and the written down value Rs. 0.80 Crores.

(b) The aircraft was insured for USD 15 Million and this amount is payable by the Insurance Company.

(c) Compensation to the next of kin of the deceased will be paid ordinarily at the rate of Rs. 5.00 lakhs for adults, and Rs. 2.50 lakhs, for children below 12 years.

(d) It has been decided that four Boeing 737 aircraft which were more than 20 years old will not be flown by Indian Airlines for commercial purposes.

Foreign citizen travelling in Indian Airlines flight which crashed at Aurangabad on 26th April, 1993

1572. SHRI MOHINDRA SINGH KALYAN:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foreign citizens who are travelling in the Indian Airlines which crashed on 26th April, 1993 and how many of them died; and

(b) whether this will not affect the prospects of tourism in India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Six of the twelve foreign nationals who were travelling in the Indian Airlines flight which crashed on 26.4.1993 died.

(b) An isolated airline accident is not expected to have any adverse effect on tourist arrivals to India.

Overhauling of Security arangements at Airports

1573. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the hijacking of Indian Airlines Planes in March and April, 1993 have made the Government think of overhauling the mode of security clearance of an Airports; and

(b) in what manner Ministries of Civil Aviation and Home co-ordinate to evolve a good security system?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Following the hijacking incident on 24.4.93, Government have instituted a high level enquiry by Secretary (Security) in the Cabinet Secretariat to look into the security lapse and recommend remedial measures.

(b) Bureau of Civil Aviation Security already maintains close coordination with security agencies under the Ministry of Home Affairs and the State Governments and issues instructions/alerts to tighten security depending upon the threat assessment.

Loss to Tourism Industry due to Riots and Agitation

1574. SHRI P. UPENDRA:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tourism industry has been hard hit by the recent riots and the agitation by Indian Airlines;